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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR STATE VISIT BY KING PHUMIPHON

REF: STATE 20533

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE FAVORABLE BOOST TO US-THAI RELATIONS THAT A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY KING PHUMIPHON WOULD GIVE. WE WILL BE RAISING THE QUESTION INFORMALLY WITH THE KING'S PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECREATARY AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY. UNFORTUNATELY, SEVERAL FACTORS MAKE IT INADVISABLE TO BROACH THE SUBJECT JUST NOW. IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE KING IS STILL BEDRIDDEN WITH THE FLU IN THE NORTHERN PALACE IN CHIANG MAI, AND MOST OF HIS SENIOR ADVISORS ARE WITH HIM UP THERE. SECONDLY, THE PROCESS OF FORMING THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS CONSUMING EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION.

2. WE ARE NOT AT ALL SANGUINE THAT THE KING WILL SEE FIT TO LEAVE THAILAND AT THIS TIME. THE INSURGENT SITUATION WHICH HE CITED FOR REFUSING OUR LAST INVITATION - AND STATE VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES - CONTINUES TO OBTAIN. IN ADDITION, 1975 IS SURE TO BE A YEAR OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL TURMOIL IN THAILAND.

3. NONETHELESS, WE WILL MAKE SOUNDINGS JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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